IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An address notification device, comprising:

a link information list storage part storing a link information list composed of plural entries of link information each including an address of the address notification device, an address of a communicating party, and process information about a process to be applied to communication information to be communicated between said address of the address notification device and said communicating party address;

a link information select part selecting, among the plural entries of link information in said link information list, link information to be changed;

a change information registration part modifying the selected link information with change information representing the content of the change;

a link change information sending part sending link change information representing a change of the selected link information to a destination indicated by said communicating party address contained in the selected link information modified with said change information; and

a link information change part changing the selected link information on the basis of said change information modified therewith in response to response information sent from said communicating party in response to the sending thereto of said link change information.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The address notification device of claim 1, wherein:

said link information change part is configured to change an identified link information on the basis of a communicating party's link change information received from an address notification device of the communicating party; and

a response information sending part is provided for sending response information to

the address notification device of said communicating party in response to said link change

information of the communicating party when said identified link information is changed by

said link information change part on the basis of said communicating party's link change

information.

Claim 3 (Original): The address notification device of claim 1, wherein:

a link information registration part is provided for generating new link information

having entered therein said change information and for entering said generated link

information in said link information list.

Claim 4 (Original): The address notification device of any one of claims 1 to 3,

wherein:

link information that is selected by said link information select part includes link

information to be deleted from said link information list;

said change information registration part is configured so that when link information

deleted from said link information list is selected by said link information select part, the

change information to be entered indicates that said link information has been deleted from

said link information list; and

said link information change part is configured to delete the link information selected

by said link information select part from said link information list.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The address notification device of any one of claims

1 to 3, wherein:

said link change information sending part is configured to modify, at the time of sending said link change information, said communication information with signature information certifying that the communication information containing said link change information is free from tampering.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The address notification device of claim 4, wherein:

said link change information sending part is configured to modify, at the time of sending said link change information, said communication information with signature information certifying that the communication information containing said link change information is free from tampering.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The address notification device of any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein:

a device information list storage part is provided for storing information containing pieces of user identification information each associated with one of the addresses of the address notification device in said link information list and a profile information list including key information that provides security for communication by said address notification device in correspondence to said each piece of user identification information.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A method of address notification using an address notification device having a processor, comprising the steps of:

a) selecting, using the address notification device, among plural entries of link information in a link information list stored in a storage, link information to be changed, each entry of link information including an address of the address notification device, an address of a communicating party, and process information about a process to be applied to

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communication information to be communicated between said address of the address

notification device and said communicating party address;

b) modifying, using the address notification device, the selected link information with

change information representing the content of the change;

c) sending, using the address notification device, link change information representing

a change of said link information, to a communicating party indicated by the communicating

party address contained in said link information with said change information entered therein;

and

d) changing, using the address notification device, in response to response

information sent from said ~~communication~~ communicating party in response to step c), said

link information in the storage with said change information entered therein on the basis of

said change information modified therewith in step b).

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The address notification method of claim 8 further

comprising the steps of:

changing said link information on the basis of the link change information of the

communicating party received from said address notification device of said communicating

party; and

sending response information to said address notification device of said

communicating party in response to said link change information of said communicating

party when said link information is changed on the basis of the link change information of

said communicating party.

Claim 10 (Original): The address notification method of claim 9, further comprising

the step of merging the link information, changed on the basis of said link change

information, and a different piece of link information in said link information list into one piece of link information if these two pieces of link information are identical with each other.

Claim 11 (Original): The address notification method of claim 8, further comprising the step of generating new link information with said change information entered therein and entering said new link information in said link information list.

Claim 12 (Original): The address notification method of any one of claims 8 to 11, wherein the link information selected for said change includes link information to be deleted from said link information list; and when the link information deleted from said link information list is selected, the change information to be entered indicates that said link information has been deleted from said link information list;

said method further comprising the step of deleting the link information selected for said change from said link information list.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The address notification method of any one of claims 8 to 11, further comprising the step of modifying, at the time of sending said link change information, said communication information with signature information certifying that the communication information containing said link change information is free from tampering.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The address notification method of claim 12, further comprising the step of modifying, at the time of sending said link change information, said communication information with signature information certifying that the communication information containing said link change information is free from tampering.